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Lady Olave Baden-Powell 22 February 1889 and Lord Robert Baden-Powell 22 February 1857

South African Radio League National Field Day

The Committee has received 25 logs for the February leg of the National field Day. The provisional results will be published in SARL News on Sunday 26 February and HF Happenings 743.

Results of the PEARs National VHF and UHF Contest 2017

Poor Tropo conditions limited the analogue range to 390 km, as well as the number of contacts made. Koos, ZS3JPY, at Kleinsee and Lee, ZS5LEE, in Durban stated that they only worked one station each, Cobus, ZR3CVB in Port Nolloth and Rickus, ZS4A, at Bethlehem, respectively. Nevertheless at least 25 logs were received countrywide covering all six categories of the contest. What Tropo lacked Meteor Scatter made up for in the Digital contest where new records were established. Last year the overall analogue winner scored 82 075 points, whereas the current digital overall winner has now surpassed the 100 000 mark for the first time in the history of the PEARs contest. PEARs can now claim to be truly a National VHF/UHF Contest.

Overall Digital Winner

1st Pieter Jacobs, V51PJ (Base) - 101 430 points
2nd Rickus de Lange, ZS4A (Base) - 19 250 points
3rd Paul Smit, ZS6NK (Base) - 17 552 points.

Overall Analogue Winner

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February

- 5 - **AWA CW Activity**
- 10 to 12 - Love Rosendal Festival
- 11 and 12 - **SARL National Field Day**; Midmar Mile; Magoebaskloof Berry festival
- 14 - Valentine's Day
- 18 - **SARL Youth Sprint; AMSAT SA SDR Workshop at the NARC**
- 22 - **Closing date articles for March Radio ZS**
- 24 and 25 - Clarens Craft Beer Festival
- 25 - **West Rand ARC Flea Market**
- 26 - **SARL Digital Contest**
- 24 to 26 - Stellenbosch Wine Festival
- 27 - National Milk Tart Day

March

- 3 - World Day of Prayer for Women
- 4 - World day of Prayer for Men
- CTARC Bumper Flea market**
- 5 - **SARL Hamnet 40 m Contest**
- 8 to 14 - Scifest Africa, Grahamstown
- 11 and 12 - **SARL VHF/UHF Contest**; RSGB Commonwealth Con-

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1st Cape Radio Group, ZS1CRG (Club) - 24 956 points (operated by ZS1DUP, ZS1HE, ZS1ABU, ZS1DWH)

2nd Christo Greyling, ZR6AUI (Field) - 19 680 points

3rd Rickus de Lange, ZS4A (Base) - 3 261 points.

Longest Distance on Digital

50 MHz: Pieter Jacobs, V31PJ, and Paul Smit, ZS6NK - 1347 km

70 MHz: Pieter Jacobs, V51PJ, and Paul Smit, ZS6NK - 1347 km

144 MHz: Pieter Jacobs, V51PJ, and Rickus de Lange, ZS4A - 1 138 km

Winner Limited Category (Digital):

Andre Botes, ZS2ACP (Base) - 43 832 points.

Winner Rover Category

1st Alex Gogos, ZR2T (Rover) - 4 142 points

2nd Andrew Gray, ZS2G (Rover) - 915 points.

Winners of the Divisional FM Category:

Division 6:

1st Max Bouckley, ZS6MAX (Base) - 490 points

2nd Kevin Suckling, ZS6KGS (Base) - 280 points

Division 2

1st Dakota Watson, ZU2DW (Field) - 180 points

2nd Hugo Ras, ZS2HR (Field) - 120 points.

Divisional Analogue Winners

Division 1

Cape Radio Group, ZS1CRG (Field) - 24 956 km.

Division 2

Al Akers, ZS2U (Base) - 1 574 points

Mike Higgs, ZU2MOO (Field) - 1710 points

Division 4

Rickus De Lange ZS4A (Base) - 3 261 points

Division 6: Christo Greyling, ZR6AUI (Field) - 19 680 points

Standing Wave Ratio

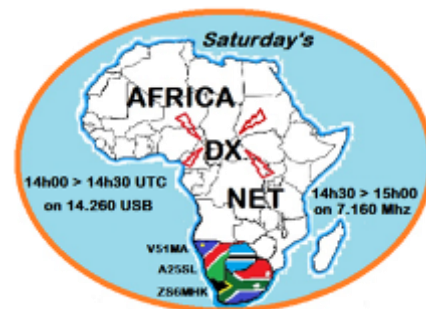
Now might also be a good time to better understand your antenna *system*, especially how efficient it really is. Your antenna tuner may make your radio happy, but a modestly high shack-measured SWR combined with lossy coax cable might indicate you are radiating less of your signal than you think. Check out this technical note regarding SWR, keeping in mind that fractions-of-dB losses distributed through your system can add up <https://www.arrl.org/files/file/Technology/tis/info/pdf/q1106037.pdf>.

K3 to K3S Migration

Elecraft has a "K3 to K3S Migration" service that helps current K3 owners easily move their filters and other compatible options to a new K3S/100 www.elecraft.com/K3_K3S_Migration.htm. For one flat fee, the current K3 is sent to Elecraft, where the existing options are tested, updated to current firmware and mod revisions and then installed in a new K3S. Of course, additional K3S options can be purchased and added at the same time. The K3 and K3S are both returned in seven to ten business days, according to the Elecraft website <http://elecraft.com/>.

Word to the Wise - DMR: Digital Mobile Radio

A set of standards for digital voice and data communication via radio and published by ETSI for professional (commercial) mobile radio users <http://>



test

12 - Purim; Cape Town Cycle Tour
16 to 20 - Wild Trout Festival, Rhodes

17 - St Patrick's Day

17 to 19 - Lambert's Bay Kreeffees

20 - Autumn Equinox; School holiday

21 - Human Right's Day

25 and 26 - CQ WPX SSB Contest

27 - Closing date Radio ZS April

31 March to 9 April - Stars of Sandstone, Ficksburg

31 - All schools close

Building Spiderbeams for WRTC 2018

WRTC 2018 site details require months of preparation activities. Recent 15-meter Spiderbeam reflector and director element construction required preparation of 120 Spiderbeam elements, nearly a kilometre of wire, 480 insulators and tying 1 920 knots <http://lists.wrtc2018.de/pipermail/wrtc2018/attachments/20170208/06ba4674/attachment.png>. The three Saturdays required were described as "hard and boring." <https://dk0ru.github.io/fotoalbum/wrtc-antennenbau/>. Three Amateurs from the Uetersen Radio Club, Malte, DE7LMS, Olaf, DK2LO and Karl-Heinz, DB7BN, tackled the tasks.

Quote of the Week

"A few years ago I heard this person on 144,200. He was running about 50 watts. I was running 100 watts on my horizontal loop. He was having trouble hearing me. He was using a vertical that had a 4:1 SWR on 144,200. I told him that a horizontal antenna resonant at the low end of the band would make a huge difference. He did not think it would make any difference. Further, into the conversation, I found that he did not have the preamp on his radio turned on. He said that would not make any difference, either. I told him I had to go." Buddy, WB4OMG

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www.dmrassociation.org/. Following an age-old tradition, commercial UHF and VHF DMR gear has been and continues to be repurposed for the amateur bands. As interest has grown, amateur-specific gear has become available. DMR appears to be quickly growing and is attracting the attention of many newer amateurs because of its novelty, rapid innovation in hardware and services, utility of various networks <http://www.dmr-marc.net/> and system operators and inexpensive entry level radios. For experimenters, DMR building blocks (e.g. encoder/decoder modules, software, digital radios <https://www.gigaparts.com/dv-mega-for-raspberry-pi.html>) are available from a number of sources and are being combined with inexpensive computing hardware. There are even DMR hotspots in a USB form factor <http://www.va2pv.com/dv4mini>.

Audio peaking filter

Some radios have an "audio peaking filter" feature that maximizes audio response (volume) at a particular frequency. Another way to accomplish a similar feature is to design a speaker enclosure that is tuned to respond at desired frequency - a mechanical solution. This YouTube video by Steve, N4LQ, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MF8bk6958Hg> describes how a 70's Sky Tec speaker is constructed and pointers on how to construct your own out of PVC pipe and other plastic odds and ends.

Antenna Restrictions

How low can you go with your HF antennas? If you are space constrained for 160 meters try this "No excuses" vertical by K6MM <https://k6mm.com/pages/ant-v160.html>. At only 7,5 m tall and painted green, perhaps your neighbours will not notice this in your backyard. John originally presented this as a joint Northern California Contest Club / Potomac Valley Radio Club webinar in 2009 <http://www.k6mm.com/antennas/160-pvrcwebinar.pdf>.

A Tip for K3 Users

Here's a technique to eliminate any PTT tail delay in your CW Macros with modern K3 firmware versions, as described by Bob, N6TV, in a recent e-mail to the Elecraft reflector <http://elecraft.365791.n2.nabble.com/OT-Somewhat-Interesting-Ebay-Item-K2-t27626862120.html>, "The problem of unwanted PTT delay when using the internal keyer with VOX and computer-generated CW/PTT, was already addressed by the improvements to the RX; command in K3 firmware 5.46 and later. Sending an RX; command at the end of all computer-generated CW messages will immediately open the PTT line no matter how long you set the VOX delay, so there will be no delay in receiving when the computer-generated message terminates. You will still get the programmed CW VOX delay when hand sending and the PTT will be held closed for the duration of all computer-generated messages, if you follow all of the steps outlined below." Bob goes on to describe the macros to use with Win-Test and provides guidelines for other contest logging software.

African DX

Burkina Faso, XT2. Elvira, IV3FSG, will be active as XT2SE from the city of Ouagadougua between 17 February and 13 March. Activity will be limited to her spare time on 80 to 10 meters using SSB, RTTY and PSK31. She is there working on a project for the Informatici Senza Frontiere ONLUS. QSL via IK3GES.

African Islands

IOTA frequencies

CW: 28 040 24 920 21 040 18 098 14 040 10 114 7 030 3 530 kHz

SSB: 28 560 28 460 24 950 21 260 18 128 14 260 7 055 3 760 kHz

Canary Islands, EA8. Tom, DL7UZO will be active as EA8/DL7UZO from Fuerteventura, Canary Islands (AF-004) from 25 February to 11 March. Plans are to operate from different WWFF areas and light-houses, see www.funkstation.info for detailed information and direct link to Club Log's log search and OQRS.

Microsoft Windows

When Microsoft *Windows* boots, it interrogates serial ports connected to your system to look for peripherals like mice. Unfortunately, this may have the side effect of switching some lines, such as DTR, that are connected to radios or other devices. There were various techniques in previous *Windows* versions to prevent this, but those techniques do not work with *Windows* 10 <https://serverfault.com/questions/350440/how-do-i-stop-windows-from-sending-random-data-to-serial-port-on-startup-and-shu>. However, if you are using FTDI-based USB to Serial port hardware, Tom, VA2FSQ, suggests "If you open the device manager in Microsoft *Windows* and double-click on the serial port, you can select Port Settings and then Advanced. In this page, there are two options. One is 'Serial Enumerator', which should not be checked and the other is 'Disable modem ctrl at startup' which should be checked. This solves the issue at least for the FTDI chipset."

Contest Calendar

This week's contests as compiled by Bruce Horn, WA7BNM. The period covered is 20 to 27 February 2017

Novice Rig Roundup

00:00 UTC 18 February to 24:00 UTC 26 February

Mode: CW

Bands: 80, 40, 15, 10, 2 m

Classes: General; Novice; QRP

Max power: General: >60 watts; Novice: 60 watts; QRP: 5 watts

Exchange: RST, name, QTH, rig, Xtal or VFO and power

Work stations: Once per band

QSO Points: (see rules)

Bonus Points: (see rules)

Multipliers: Each state, province and country

Score Calculation: Total score = (total QSO points x total mults) and bonus points

Submit logs by: 31 March 2017

E-mail logs to: (none)

Upload log at: <http://NoviceRigRoundup.com/logs.htm>

Mail logs to: Brian Carling, AF4K, 117 Sterling Pine Street, Sanford, FL 32773, USA

Find rules at: <http://novicerigroundup.com/>

Run for the Bacon QRP Contest

02:00 - 04:00 UTC 20 February

Mode: CW

Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m

Classes: Single Band; All Band

Max power: 5 watts

Exchange: RST, state, province or country and member no or power

Work stations: Once per band

QSO Points: 1 point per QSO with non-member; 3 points per QSO with member on same continent; 5 points per QSO with member on different continent

Multipliers: Each state, province or country once; Multiply mults by 2 if >50 members worked

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults

Submit logs by: 26 February 2017

E-mail logs to: (none)

Upload log at: <http://grpcontest.com/pigrun/autolog.php>

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at: <http://grpcontest.com/pigrun/>

SKCC Sprint

00:00 - 02:00 UTC 22 February

Mode: CW

Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m

Classes: (none)

Exchange: RST, state, province or country, name and SKCC no or power)

Work stations: Once per band

QSO Points: 1 point per QSO; Bonus Points: 5 points per Centurion member QSO per band; 10 points per Tribune member QSO per band; 25 points per QSO with SKCC club call (K9SKC) per band

Multipliers: Each state, province or country once

Score Calculation: Total score = (total QSO points x total mults) and bonus points

Submit logs by: 23:59 UTC 24 February 2017

E-mail log summary to: (none)

Post log summary at: http://www.skccgroup.com/operating_activities/weekday_sprint/submit-display.php

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at: http://www.skccgroup.com/operating_activities/weekday_sprint/

NAQCC CW Sprint

01:30 - 03:30 UTC 22 February

Mode: CW

Bands: 80, 40, 20 m

Classes: (none)

Max power: 5 watts

Exchange: RST, state, province or country and NAQCC no or power

Work stations: Once per band

QSO Points: 1 point per QSO with non-member; 2 points per QSO with member

Multipliers: Each state, province or country once

Key Type Mult: 2 x if straight key, 1.5 x if bug, 1 x if other

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults x key type mult

Submit logs by: 23:59 UTC 26 February 2017

E-mail logs to: naqcc33@windstream.net

Upload log at: <http://naqcc.info/sprintlog.html>

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at: <http://naqcc.info/sprint/sprint201702.html>

QRP Fox Hunt

02:00 - 03:30 UTC 22 February

Mode: CW

Bands: 40 m Only

Classes: Single Op - fox or hound

Max power: 5 watts

Exchange: RST, state, province or country, name and power output

QSO Points: 1 point per QSO

Multipliers: (none)

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points

Submit logs by: 03:30 UTC 23 February 2017

E-mail logs to: (see rules)

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at: http://www.qrpfoxhunt.org/winter_rules.htm

Phone Fray

02:30 - 03:00 UTC 22 February

Mode: SSB

Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15 m

Classes: Single Op

Max power: 100 watts

Exchange: NA: Name and state, province or country; non-NA: Name

Work stations: Once per band

QSO Points: NA station: 1 point per QSO; non-NA station: 1 point per QSO with an NA station

Multipliers: Each US state (including KH6/KL7) once per band; Each VE province/territory once per band; Each North American country (except W/VE) once per band

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults

Submit logs by: 03:00 UTC 24 February 2017

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E-mail logs to: (none)

Post log summary at: <http://www.3830scores.com>

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at: <http://www.perluma.com/>

[Phone Fray Contest Rules.pdf](#)

CWops Mini-CWT Test

13:00 - 14:00 UTC and 19:00 - 20:00 UTC 22 February and
03:00 - 04:00 UTC 23 February

Mode: CW

Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m

Classes: Single Op - QRP, low or high

Max power: HP: >100 watts; LP: 100 watts; QRP: 5 watts

Exchange: Member: Name and member no; non-Member:
Name and state, province or country

Work stations: Once per band

QSO Points: 1 point per QSO

Multipliers: Each call once

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults

Submit logs by: 04:00 UTC 25 February 2017

Post log summary at: <http://www.3830scores.com>

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at: <http://www.cwops.org/cwt.html>

UKEICC 80 m Contest

20:00 - 21:00 UTC 22 February

Mode: CW

Bands: 80 m Only

Classes: Single Op Connected - high, low or QRP; Single Op
Unconnected - high, low or QRP

Max power: HP: 1 500 watts; LP: 100 watts; QRP: 5 watts

Exchange: 4-Character grid square

QSO Points: 1 point per 500 km; multiply QSO points by 2 if
low power station; multiply QSO points by 4 if QRP station
Multipliers: (none)

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points

Submit logs by: 22:00 UTC 22 February 2017

E-mail logs to: (none)

Upload log at: <http://logs.ukaiccc.com/cgi-bin/hfenter.pl>

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at: <http://www.ukaiccc.com/which-contest/which-contest-ukeicc-80-m-contests-rules>

RSGB 80 m Club Championship, CW

20:00 - 21:30 UTC 23 February

Mode: CW

Bands: 80 m Only

Classes: (none)

Exchange: RST and serial no

QSO Points: 1 point per QSO

Multipliers: (none)

Score Calculation: (see rules)

Submit logs by: 23:59 UTC 24 February 2017

Upload log at: <http://www.rsgbcc.org/cgi-bin/hfenter.pl>

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at: <http://www.rsgbcc.org/hf/rules/2017/r80mcc.shtml>

NCCC RTTY Sprint

01:45 - 02:15 UTC 24 February

Mode: RTTY

Bands: (see rules)

Classes: (none)

Exchange: Serial no, name QTH

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults

Submit logs by: 26 February 2017

E-mail logs to: (none)

Post log summary at: <http://www.3830scores.com/>

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at: <http://www.ncccsprint.com/rttyns.html>

QRP Fox Hunt

02:00 - 03:30 UTC 24 February

Mode: CW

Bands: 80 m Only

Classes: Single Op - fox or hound

Max power: 5 watts

Exchange: RST, state, province or country, name and power
output

QSO Points: 1 point per QSO

Multipliers: (none)

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points

Submit logs by: 03:30 UTC 25 February 2017

E-mail logs to: (see rules)

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at: http://www.qrpfoxhunt.org/winter_rules.htm

NCCC Sprint Ladder

02:30 - 03:00 UTC 24 February

Mode: CW

Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10, 6 m

Classes: Single Op

Max power: 100 watts

Exchange: Serial, name and QTH

Work stations: Once per band

QSO Points: NA station: 1 point per QSO; non-NA station: 1
point per QSO with an NA station

Multipliers: Each US state (including KL7 and KH6) once per
band; Each VE province once per band; Each North American
country (except W/VE) once per band

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults

Submit logs by: 26 February 2017

E-mail logs to: (none)

Post log summary at: <http://www.3830scores.com>

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at: <http://www.ncccsprint.com/rules.html>

CQ 160-Meter SSB Contest

22:00 UTC 24 February to 22:00 UTC 26 February

Mode: SSB

Bands: 160 m Only

Classes: Single Op - QRP, low or high; Single Op Assisted -
high; Multi-Op - high

Max operating hours: Single Op: 30 hours; Multi-Op: 40
hours

Max power: HP: >150 watts; LP: 150 watts; QRP: 5 watts

Exchange: W/VE: RS and state or province; DX: RS and CQ
Zone

QSO Points: 2 points per QSO with own country; 5 points per
QSO with other countries on same continent; 10 points per
QSO with other continents; 5 points per QSO with maritime
mobile

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Multipliers: Each US state and DC (excluding KH6/KL7); Each VE province; Each DXCCandWAE country (including KH6/KL7)
Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults
Submit logs by: 22:00 UTC 3 March 2017

E-mail logs to: 160ssb@cq160.com

Mail logs to: CQ 160 Meter Contest, 17 West John St., Hicksville, NY 11801, USA

Find rules at: <http://www.cq160.com/rules.htm>

REF SSB Contest

06:00 UTC 25 February to 18:00 UTC 26 February

Mode: SSB

Bands: 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m

Classes: Single Op All Band - QRP, low or high; Single Op Single Band - QRP, low or high; Multi-Single - QRP, low or high; Club; SWL

Max operating hours: Single Op: 28 hours in no more than three increments of at least 1 hour each

Max power: HP: >100 Watts; LP: 100 Watts; QRP: 5 Watts

Exchange: French: RS and Department/Prefix; non-French: RS and serial no

Work stations: Once per band

QSO Points: French: 6 points per QSO with French station same continent; French: 15 points per QSO with French station on different continent; French: 1 point per QSO with non-French station same continent; French: 2 points per QSO with non-French station on different continent; non-French: 1 point per QSO with French station same continent; non-French: 3 points per QSO with French station on different continent

Multipliers: French/Corsica departments once per band; French overseas prefixes once per band; non-French DXCC countries once per band (available only to French stations)
Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults
Submit logs by: 13 March 2017

E-mail logs to: cdffsb@ref-union.org

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at: http://concours.ref-union.org/reglements/actuels/reg_cdfhf_dx.pdf

UBA DX CW Contest

13:00 UTC 25 February to 13:00 UTC 26 February

Mode: CW

Bands: 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m

Classes: Single Op All Band - low or high; Single Op Single Band - low or high; Single Op QRP; Multi-Op; SWL

Max power: HP: >100 watts; LP: 100 watts; QRP: 5 watts

Exchange: ON: RST, serial no and province; non-ON: RST and serial no

Work stations: Once per band

QSO Points: 10 points per QSO with Belgian station; 3 points per QSO with other EU stations; 1 point per QSO with non-EU stations

Multipliers: Each Belgian province once per band; Each Belgian prefix once per band; Each EU DXCC country once per band

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults
Submit logs by: 23:59 UTC 12 March 2017

E-mail logs to: ubacw@uba.be

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at: <http://www.uba.be/en/hf/contest-rules/uba-dx-contest-rules>

South Carolina QSO Party

15:00 UTC 25 February to 0159Z 26 February

Mode: CW, Digital, Phone

Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10, 6 m

Classes: Single Op Fixed - CW, SSB, digital or mixed - QRP, low or high; Multi-Single Fixed - CW, SSB, digital or mixed - QRP, low or high; Multi-Multi Fixed - CW, SSB, digital or mixed - QRP, low or high; Mobile-Single - CW, SSB, digital or mixed - QRP, low or high; Mobile-Multi - CW, SSB, digital or mixed - QRP, low or high

Max power: HP: >100 W; LP: 100 W; QRP: 5 W

Exchange: SC: RS(T) and County; non-SC: RS(T) and state, province or "DX"

Work stations: Once per band per mode per county

QSO Points: 1 point per phone QSO; 2 points per CW or Digital QSO; SC stations contacting non-SC stations earn double QSO points

Bonus: 250 points per QSO with W4CAE, WW4SF

Multipliers: SC: Each SC county, US state (including DC) and VE province/territory once per mode; non-SC: Each SC county once per mode

Score Calculation: Total score = (total QSO points x total mults) and Bonus Points

Submit logs by: 27 March 2017

E-mail logs to: (none)

Upload log at: <http://scqso.com/log-submission/>

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at: <http://scqso.com/rules/>

North American RTTY QSO Party

18:00 UTC 25 February to 05:59 UTC 26 February

Mode: RTTY

Bands: 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m

Classes: Single Op - QRP or low; Multi-Two - low

Max operating hours: Single Op: 10 hours; Multi-Two: 12 hours

Max power: LP: 100 watts; QRP: 5 watts

Exchange: NA: Name and state, DC, province or country; non-NA: Name

Work stations: Once per band

QSO Points: NA station: 1 point per QSO; non-NA station: 1 point per QSO with an NA station

Multipliers: Each US state/DC (including KH6/KL7) once per band; Each VE province/territory once per band; Each North American country (except W/VE) once per band

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults
Submit logs by: 05:59 UTC 3 March 2017

Upload log at: <http://www.ncjweb.com/naqplotsubmit/>

Mail logs to: Mark Aaker, K6UFO, 300 Berry St., Unit 1009, San Francisco, CA 94158-1668, USA

Find rules at: <http://www.ncjweb.com/NAQP-Rules.pdf>

High Speed Club CW Contest

09:00 - 11:00 UTC 26 February and 15:00 - 17:00 UTC 26 February

Mode: CW

Bands: 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m

Classes: HSC Members; Non-Members; QRP; SWL

Max power: 150 watts; QRP: 5 watts

Exchange: Members: RST and HSC no; non-Members: RST and "NM"

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Work stations: Once per band per period

QSO Points: 5 points per QSO with a HSC member; 1 points per QSO with a non-member

Multipliers: (none)

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points

Submit logs by: 18 March 2017

E-mail logs to: dr.joerg.hahn@gmail.com

Mail logs to: Jorg Hahn, PA1MUC, Crocusstraat 1, NL 2252 XH Voorschoten, Netherlands

Find rules at: <http://www.highspeedclub.org/>

SARL Digital Contest

13:00 UTC-16:00 UTC 26 February

Mode: PSK, RTTY

Next Week's Contests

QRP Fox Hunt, 02:00 - 03:30 UTC 1 March

Phone Fray, 02:30 - 03:00 UTC 1 March

CWops Mini-CWT Test, 13:00 - 14:00 UTC and 19:00 - 20:00

UTC 1 March and 03:00 - 04:00 UTC 2 March

UKEICC 80 m Contest, 20:00 - 21:00 UTC 1 March

NRAU 10 m Activity Contest, 18:00 - 19:00 UTC (CW) 19:00 - 20:00 UTC (SSB) 20:00 - 21:00 UTC (FM) and 21:00 - 22:00 UTC 2 March (Dig)

NCCC RTTY Sprint, 01:45 - 02:15 UTC 3 March

QRP Fox Hunt, 02:00 - 03:30 UTC 3 March

NCCC Sprint, 02:30 - 03:00 UTC 3 March

ARRL International DX SSB Contest, 00:00 UTC 4 March to 24:00 UTC 5 March

Wake-Up! QRP Sprint, 06:00 - 06:29 UTC, 06:30 - 06:59 UTC, 07:00 - 07:29 UTC and 07:30 - 08:00 UTC 4 March

Open Ukraine RTTY Championship, 18:00 - 20:59 UTC (Low Band), 21:00 - 23:59 UTC (Low Band) 4 March and 08:00 -

Bands: 80, 40, 20 m

Classes: (none)

Exchange: RST and QSO no

Work stations: Once per mode per band

QSO Points: (see rules)

Multipliers: (see rules)

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults

Submit logs by: 5 March 2017

E-mail logs to: contest@sarl.org.za

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at: <http://www.sarl.org.za/Web3/Members/DoDocDownload.aspx?X=20161222085537waqSliCvbT.PDF>

10:59 UTC (High Band) and 11:00 - 13:59 UTC 5 March (High Band)

UBA Spring CW Contest, 07:00 - 11:00 UTC 5 March

DARC 10-Meter Digital Contest, 11:00 - 17:00 UTC 5 March

NSARA Contest, 12:00 - 16:00 UTC and 18:00 - 22:00 UTC 5 March

SARL Hamnet 40 m Simulated Emergency Contest, 12:00 - 14:00 UTC 5 March

RSGB 80 m Club Championship, Data, 20:00 - 21:30 UTC 6 March

ARS Spartan Sprint, 02:00 - 04:00 UTC 7 March

AGCW YL-CW Party, 19:00 - 21:00 UTC 7 March



HF Happenings

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